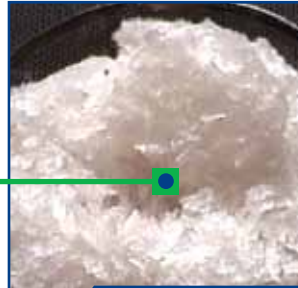


NEW LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 3 An act relating to drugs

Methamphetamine and meth labs continue to be a problem in the commonwealth. This bill addresses dispensing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine. Shawn Herron, an instructor in the DOCJT Legal Training Section provides greater detail on this and other drug-related bills on p. 72.



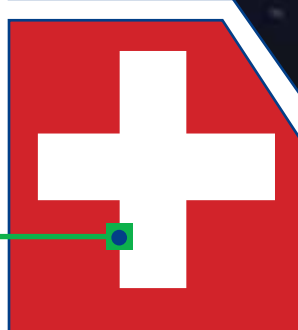
Senate Bill 32 An act creating the Kentucky Blue Alert System

Senate Bill 32, designated the Trooper Jonathan K. Leonard Kentucky Blue Alert System Act, creates the Kentucky Blue Alert Network in KRS Chapter 16 to notify the public when a peace officer has been killed, seriously assaulted or assaulted with a deadly weapon and the police are seeking an offender. The network will be operated by the Kentucky State Police and all law enforcement agencies are required to cooperate with the KSP in providing and disseminating information regarding peace officers who have been killed, seriously injured or missing in the line of duty. The bill further provides that the Kentucky Blue Alert System may use the existing Emergency Alert System if that use is permitted by the federal government.



Senate Bill 55 An act relating to emergencies

This bill creates a new section of KRS Chapter 39B to permit governmental entities to enter into interstate mutual aid agreements for emergency responders. It further provides for the recognition of licenses and credentials of emergency responders from other states and grants immunity from liability for emergency responders from other states. Additionally, it extends benefits that emergency responders have in Kentucky to services provided outside their jurisdictions.



House Bill 481 An act relating to controlled substances

House Bill 481 defines and establishes penalties for offenses involving synthetic marijuana and other drugs that are becoming a problem in many communities.



Senate Bill 58 An act relating to crimes and punishments

Senate Bill 58 expands peace officers' arrest authority by amending KRS 431.005 to authorize a law enforcement officer, with probable cause, to arrest an individual for committing fourth degree assault (a class A misdemeanor) in a hospital emergency room without a warrant and without witnessing the violation. It further amends KRS 431.015 to provide that a peace officer may make an arrest or issue a citation for a violation of KRS 508.030, which occurs in the emergency room of a hospital.



Senate Bill 75 An act relating to slow-moving vehicles

Senate Bill 75 amends KRS 189.050 to provide an alternative lighting system for motorless vehicles operated on a highway at night. It further amends KRS 189.820 to provide for an alternative means of marking motorless, slow-moving vehicles with reflective tape rather than using the traditional slow-moving vehicle emblem. Senate Bill 75 was enacted as an emergency bill and took effect upon Gov. Beshear's signature on April 11.